

REMARKS

The Examiner is again thanked for the performance of a thorough search.

In the specification, the first paragraph is amended to correct the reference to a prior non-provisional application.

Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-45 were pending in the application. By this response, no claims are added, canceled, or amended. Hence, Claims 1-45 are pending in the application upon entry of this response.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

Claims 1-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by “Oracle® Internet File System Developer’s Guide”, Release 1.1, published in September 2000 (“*iFS-Dguide 1.1*”); and

Claims 1 and 24 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *iFS-Dguide 1.1*.

PRIORITY DATE

Applicants first thank the examiner for drawing attention to the fact that the application is currently erroneously categorized as a “continuation” rather than a “continuation-in-part” of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/853,823, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/204,196, filed May 12, 2000 (*see, e.g.,* Filing Receipt mailed 02/05/2002 and Updated Filing Receipt mailed 05/07/2002). In response, the specification is amended herein to correct the reference to the prior non-provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i). Entry of this amendment to the specification is respectfully requested, as is corrective action to the record to accurately reflect the relationship of this application to its earlier filed non-provisional parent application (i.e., a continuation-in-part).

It is understood that, because this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/853,823 rather than a continuation, Applicants are only entitled to the priority date of U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/204,196 if there is continuity of disclosure among the applications in the claimed chain of priority. Stated otherwise, the subject matter of the present claims needs to be fully disclosed in the prior-filed applications to which this application claims priority in a manner to enable one skilled in the art to use the invention.

In support of the rejection of Claims 1-45 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and in support of the rejection of Claims 1 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), the Office Action asserts that every element in the present claims is fully disclosed in the various cited sections of the *iFS-Dguide 1.1*. Hence, if that is true, then it follows in this case that every element of the present claims is also fully disclosed and enabling to one skilled in the art in the corresponding sections of “Oracle® Internet File System Developer’s Guide”, Release 1.0 (“*iFS-Dguide 1.0*”), which was filed in U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/204,196 on May 12, 2000, the entire disclosure of which U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/853,823 incorporates by reference.

For example, *iFS-Dguide 1.0* recites practically the same subject matter as that relied upon from *iFS-Dguide 1.1* for the rejection of Claim 1, a mapping of which is presented in the tables that follow.

(I) Rejection of **Claims 1-45** under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of *iFS-Dguide 1.1*

<u><i>iFS-Dguide 1.1</i></u>	<u><i>iFS-Dguide 1.0</i></u>
Sample Code: Create Document Instances page 4-14, lines 7-25	Sample Code: Create Document Instances page 4-15, lines 1-20
Sample Code: Create an Instance Class Bean pages 4-10 to 4-12	Sample Code: Create an Instance Class Bean pages 4-12 to 4-13
Creating Document Instances page 4-13, lines 9-13	Creating Document Instances page 4-14, lines 1-5
What is a Parser?	What is a Parser?

page 5-2, lines 1-16	page 5-2, lines 1-16
Sample Code: A Custom Parser? page 5-10 to 5-15	Sample Code: A Custom Parser? page 5-10 to 5-13
attributes (public class SimplestParser) page 5-11, lines 24-30	attributes (public class VcardParser) page 5-10, lines 31-440
How does XML Parsing Work? page 5-6	How does XML Parsing Work? page 5-5
Using a Custom Parser page 5-7, lines 7-16	Using a Custom Parser page 5-4, lines 16-32
What is a Parser? page 5-2, lines 1-16	What is a Parser? page 5-2, lines 1-16
Using the Standard Parsers page 5-3, lines 3-14	Using the Standard Parsers page 5-3, lines 1-12
Write the Parser Class page 5-9, lines 6-13	Write the Parser Class page 5-7, lines 23-30
Sample Code: A Custom Parser page 5-11, lines 6-8	Sample Code: A Custom Parser page 5-10, line 9

(II) Rejection of Claims **1 and 24** under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of *iFS-Dguide 1.1*

<u><i>iFS-Dguide 1.1</i></u>	<u><i>iFS-Dguide 1.0</i></u>
How Documents are Stored in the Repository page 3-2, lines 1-10	How Documents are Stored in the Repository page 3-2, lines 1-10
Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, lines 7-8; page 3-10, lines 1-17	Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, lines 7-8; page 3-10, lines 1-17
Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, line 6; page 3-5, lines 1-24	Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, line 6; page 3-5, lines 1-24
The Document Definition Class page 2-12, lines 16-31	The Document Definition Class page 2-12, lines 16-31
Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, lines 7-8	Sample: Create a Document Definition Object page 3-6, lines 7-8
Setting Attributes page 3-9, lines 1-11 and 20-28	Setting Attributes page 3-9, lines 1-11 and 20-28
How Documents are Stored in the Repository page 3-2, lines 1-10	How Documents are Stored in the Repository page 3-2, lines 1-10

Based on the foregoing tables, it is shown that the disclosure of the prior-filed provisional application, which includes *iFS-Dguide 1.0*, effectively contains the same subject matter as the cited reference *iFS-Dguide 1.1*. Based on the foregoing, it is also shown that the disclosure of the prior-filed non-provisional application complies with the first paragraph of 35

U.S.C. §112 with respect to the present claims because the prior-filed non-provisional application contains the entire disclosure of the prior-filed provisional application, which adequately supports and enables the subject matter claimed in the present application. Therefore, the present application is entitled to the earliest effective filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/204,196. Hence, the earliest effective priority date for the present application is the date of the provisional application, **May 12, 2000**, not December 28, 2001.

THE REJECTIONS BASED ON THE PRIOR ART

Claims 1-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *iFS-Dguide 1.1* and Claims 1 and 24 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *iFS-Dguide 1.1*. These rejections are traversed based on the fact that *iFS-Dguide 1.1* does not qualify as prior art to the present application. This assertion is based on the foregoing discussion showing that the present application is entitled to the filing date of **May 12, 2000**, which is prior to the publication date of the *iFS-Dguide 1.1*, which is **September 2000**. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-45 and the rejection of Claims 1 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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